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TEN CENTS A WEEK

WAS IT SUICIDE PACT?

Startling Story of Five Girls Who Died by Their Own Hands.

TOLD BY WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Miss Helen Baxter, One of a Party of Six Young Girls Who Came to New York from St. Paul, Minn., Tells Police Fate of Companions.

New York, March 16.—A startling story of how five young girls who came to New York from St. Paul little more than a year ago died each by her own hand, was told Saturday by seventeen-year-old Helen Baxter after she had made a vain effort to end her own life.

Helen said she was one of the party of six girls who came to New York to make their way in the world after receiving a course of training in a business school in the Minnesota city. She turned on the gas in her room Friday night but was found Saturday morning in time for her life to be saved.

When asked why she had tried to end her life, the girl astonished the ambulance surgeon and others who had crowded around, by her story of the fate of her friends.

"Why should I not be allowed to die?" she asked. "My five girl companions who left St. Paul with me a year ago, after we left school, have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did and join them."

"Was it a suicide pact?" she was asked.

"My five friends are all dead and they died as they chose," was her reply.

ANARCHISTS DISAPPOINTED.

Big Crowd Assembled to Hear Emma Goldman, but Police Interfered.

Chicago, March 16.—Nearly two hundred anarchists, socialists and others, assembled Friday night in front of a vacant store building at 392 Dearborn street to hear a lecture by Emma Goldman, but were disappointed. Forty or fifty policemen with Inspector Wheeler in charge, told the crowd to move. The police were there to enforce an order that came to Assistant Chief Schuetzler from the building department warning him to permit no one in the structure, which was declared to be unsafe.

Harold Leclair Ickes, the counselor retained by mysterious persons for the purpose of assuring the removal of the body of Lazarus Averpuch from the potters' field and the performance of a private autopsy, refused Friday to reveal the names of men and women who employed him.

Rumors were current that Attorney Ickes was engaged by prominent social settlement workers and well known Jewish citizens of Chicago.

Goes to Meet Fleet.

San Francisco, March 16.—Bearing a draft of a tentative program for the reception and entertainment of the battleships at San Francisco, Frank J. Symmes, chairman of the committee on reception and parade, will start Tuesday for Magdalena bay, where he will submit the program to Admiral Evans. Until Symmes' return many of the details of the entertainment and the dates on which the various receptions and parades will take place will be left open.

Registered Mail Turns Up.

London, March 16.—A cable inquiry to Japan has elicited the fact that the fifteen registered mail packets which disappeared in January, supposedly while in transit on the steamer Celtic between Liverpool and New York, have turned up at Yokohama and have been forwarded to the United States.

Judge Crisp Not a Candidate.

Americus, Ga., March 16.—Judge Charles R. Crisp will not become a candidate for congress from the third district, and has so notified those friends who were endeavoring to induce him to enter the race. This announcement was made by Judge Crisp Friday.

HOUSE STIRRED BY BACON.

Georgia Senator Severely Criticizes President Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The severest criticism yet directed against the president by a member of the upper house of congress was delivered in the senate Friday by Senator Bacon. With continued aggressions by executives, he argued that this government would soon be as autocratic as Russia.

He declared that executive usurpation had continued unblushingly and even boastfully, for so long that the country had almost become accustomed to it. His words took on particular vehemence. So far did he diverge from his usual self-contained and orderly manner of speaking that he felt constrained to apologize during the latter part of his address for his heated manner. Though he declared that everything he had said was the truth, he thought it might be imprudent.

Senator Tillman protested that the apology was out of place. "If true, why imprudent?" he exclaimed.

Other democratic senators sitting near the Georgian insisted he had said no more than was proper. He then largely modified his apology, and insisted that he meant every word he had uttered.

What brought forth this unexpected and impromptu outburst from the senator from Georgia were published reports that the president had in course of preparation another special message to congress, in which he would reiterate his determination to force through certain legislation at this session of congress.

GRAFTERS FOUND GUILTY.

Sentences Given in the Pennsylvania State Capitol Scandal.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 16.—The jury in the first of the capitol conspiracy cases to be tried gave a verdict of guilty as to every one of the four men who have been on trial here for the last seven weeks Friday night after six hours' deliberation. There were two ballots taken, but the jury did not come into court until two hours after reaching a conclusion, being out altogether eight hours.

The men found guilty are: John H. Sanderson, contractor; William P. Snyder, former auditor general; W. L. Mathews, former state treasurer, and James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public buildings and grounds. Motions for new trials were made in each case.

Only Sanderson and Snyder were in court when the verdict was given and neither would talk. None of the counsel for the defendants would say anything in regard to the case. The state's attorney when questioned, said that they were pleased with the result of the hard work.

The maximum penalty for each defendant in this case is two years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine.

The four men were convicted of defrauding the state of about \$12,000,000, instead of \$4,000,000, the figure at which the contract was estimated.

KILLED BY DEPUTY MARSHAL.

Citizens Raised Fund of \$500 for A. rest of Slay.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 16.—According to a telephone message from Tryon, N. C., R. F. W. Allison, an official of the Lynn Hosiery company, of Lynn, N. C., near Tryon, was shot and killed at the mill Friday by Deputy Marshal Lee Fisher. Fisher escaped. Citizens raised a fund of five hundred dollars as reward for Fisher's arrest.

Allison and Fisher quarreled, it is said, in regard to some work the latter had been doing for Allison.

\$10,000 FIRE IN MILLS.

Pickers' Building of the Cooleman Cotton Mills Burned.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 16.—The pickers' building, warp and machine room of the Cooleman cotton mills, in Davie county, were destroyed by fire which started in the pickers' building Friday, entailing a loss of over \$10,000, fully covered by insurance. The origin is unknown.

Owing to the excellent fire fighting equipment, the other buildings were saved. B. N. Duke, of New York, is president of the company.

FIND WATERY GRAVES

In Heavy Fog Coal Barges Sink In Ohio River.

STRUCK PIER OF A BRIDGE

The Barges Carried a Crew of Twenty-Five Men and of This Number at Least Five Are Reported To Have Lost Their Lives.

Ashland, Ky., March 16.—Five men were drowned here Saturday.

The towboat Boaz, which left Pittsburgh Tuesday morning for Cincinnati with 12 coal boats, 16 barges, 3 fuel boats and a crew of about 25 men, ran into a heavy fog early Saturday at Catlettsburg and being unable to tie up finally struck an exposed pier of the proposed Ashland-Ironton bridge, one mile below this city.

It is reported that nearly all the barges were sunk.

The entire crew had been called out on the barge to tie up the fleet.

William Matticks, a deck hand from Pittsburgh, who escaped from a sinking barge and swam ashore, says he saw several men in the water and he believed that at least five had been drowned.

ISLANDS ARE PROSPERING.

Philippine Congress So Far Said To Have Proved a Success.

San Francisco, March 16.—W. Morgan Shuster, formerly collector of the port of Manila, now a member of the Philippine commission and secretary of the board of public instructions, arrived here Friday on the liner Mauchuria.

He says that the Philippine congress so far has proved a success. The native legislators have accepted their new responsibilities in a proper spirit and such laws as they have enacted are good.

"The Philippines," he continued, "need the chance to sell their sugar, tobacco and other products in the United States. They also need capital to develop their resources, but they will get neither until the tariff is modified in favor of the islands."

"In spite of all obstacles, however, wonders have been done in the islands, especially in and about the city of Manila. We have now a good water supply, scientific sanitation, a good lighting and street car service and first-class shipping facilities. The harbors have been improved and when the tariff gives them a chance, the islands will be ready to take it."

NIGHT RIDERS STILL BUSY.

Three Barns Burned by Them in Woodford County, Kentucky.

Versailles, Ky., March 16.—Three barns in Woodford county and one just across the line in Scott were burned early Saturday by a party of masked men.

The men were on horseback and in buggies, the party numbering not more than fifty. A number of shots were fired but as far as known nobody was hurt. The barns destroyed were the property of:

George Strange, on the Harris estate, near Midway; Hardin Rogers, on the Tucker place in Scott county; Captain James Williams, former owner of the race horse, Rams Horn, at Spring Station; George Graddy on the Field turnpike.

The men came from the direction of Scott county. They cut all telephone wires and the amount of damage done is not yet known.

Governor Wilson and party of legislators were returning from Lexington to Frankfort on a trolley car and ran through the party of night riders without knowing it near McKee's cross-roads.

Petition for Bankruptcy.

New York, March 16.—A petition asking that Charles W. Morse, former banker and steamship promoter, be declared a bankrupt, was filed in the United States district court Friday. The petitioners are Charles A. Haskin, receiver of the National Bank of North America, of which Morse was at one time vice president, Frank C. Frigo and Edward E. Shattuck.

FRIDAY, 13th, HAD NO TERRORS.

Superstition Was Defied at Every Hand in This Romance.

Chicago, March 16.—Friday, the 13th, had no terrors for Maizie Katherine Stuart and Louis Allan Conrad as a bridal day. They made up their minds in the afternoon to have the knot tied and in the evening were husband and wife.

The relatives of both objected strenuously and so the pair eloped.

Superstition was defied at every hand in the romance. The first objection was the day of the wedding, but it was overruled immediately by the bride. Then an attempt was made to find Judge McEwen to perform the ceremony. After two hours' search he was found at a dinner of the Thirteen club in a downtown restaurant.

On entering the room where the dinner was in progress the couple had to walk beneath a ladder. Salt was spilled over the floor and mirrors were shattered on the walls. The first course was just being served when the couple appeared. The officials of the club induced them to have the ceremony performed in the room.

Judge McEwen, standing at one end of the room, solemnized the marriage underneath an open umbrella and as soon as the ceremony was performed, dishes were dropped on the floor, cow bells rattled and a piece of sheet iron was shaken as thunder.

Mr. Conrad is a broker. His parents live at Winchester, Va.

REV. JERE COOK LOCATED.

Episcopal Pastor Who Eloped with Young Girl Some Time Ago.

San Francisco, Cal., March 16.—Jere M. Cooke, pastor of the Episcopal church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Floretta Whaley about a year ago, and who, it is said, telegraphed Friday to Mrs. Keziah Whaley, the girl's grandmother, for help and that he and the family were ill and destitute, was located in this city Friday night.

The couple were found living in a suite of rooms on Masonic avenue well to all appearance and with comfortable surroundings.

The baby alone looked pale and peaked, but the parents attributed this to the hot weather.

In an interview the former rector admitted that he had telegraphed for help and admitted that the struggle of life had been too much for him, and that he had made a failure of everything.

Cooke has some friends who say that as soon as it is known that he is in want there will be no trouble about his getting everything he needs and they say it is only by reason of the fact that he has not told any one of his straits that he is in trouble.

WAS MOST ATROCIOUS CRIME.

One Negro Must Die for It, Another Goes to Pen for Life.

Lawrenceville, Ga., March 16.—In Grinnett superior court this week Henry Campbell and John Hudson, both negroes, were convicted of the murder of Elia Hudson on Jan. 2, in Cates' district.

Campbell was sentenced to be hanged on May 9, and Hudson given a life term in the penitentiary.

The murder was a most horrible one, the woman being struck over the head, stabbed through the heart, and almost disemboweled, after which the house was set on fire with the hope of hiding the crime.

A four-month-old baby was also killed and left in the burning building.

The motive of the crime was that Hudson might run away with Campbell's daughter, with whom he had been intimate.

No One to Claim the Rent.

New York, March 16.—When F. S. Coyly, of Stapleton, S. I., collected his rents at 44 and 46 South Prince street, Flushing, early in December, 1906, he discovered one of his tenants that his only relative, a brother, had died and that he was himself a bachelor. That same month Coyly himself died. No one has since appeared to ask for the rent of the apartments and the six families have lived rent free. They have maintained the property in good repair at their own expense.

THE TATSU INCIDENT

China and Japan May Settle the Same Amicably.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS

It is Said China Will Pay Japan 21,400 Yen and Retain the Arms that Form Cargo of the Tatsu Maru. Concessions by Japan.

Peking, March 16.—The negotiations looking to a settlement of the difficulty between China and Japan growing out of the seizure by China of the Japanese steamer Tatsu are making favorable progress.

The Chinese foreign board Friday approved the draft of a document in which China accepts the proposals made by Japan. China will pay Japan 21,400 yen (about \$10,700) and retain the arms that form the cargo of the Tatsu Maru, and she will pay also 10,000 taels demurrage on the steamer.

It is expected that the Tatsu Maru will be released March 16 in addition Japan agrees to adopt and enforce strict regulations to prevent future traffic in arms and ammunition from Japan into China, but she refuses to include the territory of Macao in this limitation.

China will soon take up negotiations with Portugal regarding the contraband traffic at Macao. She hopes that an accurate delimitation of Portuguese waters at Macao now will be secured, and that the gambling for which Macao is notorious, as well as the smuggling done through that port, may be materially restricted.

CONVULSED THE HOUSE.

Louisiana Congressman Causes Laughter Among Members.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Representative Watkins, of Louisiana, convulsed the house by reciting an original poem entitled "What Is to Come." It was in eight stanzas, the first six of which referred to the promise of the republicans to revise the tariff and do other things. Before these things would come to pass, he said:

A Cannon must be first shot off.
"Fairbanks must then be tunneled through;

"The skies must change their azure hues;

"And Billy Taft put up the dough.

"The people must all go to sleep,

"Until Gabriel blows his horn,

"Americans must sure forget

"William J. was ever born."

BLACK HAND LETTERS SENT.

Mayer and Police Captain of Spartanburg Threatened.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 16.—According to threats made in Black Hand letters received by Mayor J. F. Floyd and Police Captain Hall, they have only three more days to live.

The letters are written in red, and signed by members of gang "Number 42."

The police are of the opinion that the letters were written by members of a gang that were recently surprised by the police. The threatening letters have not caused either of the officials any worry.

GREAT FIRE AT BAHIA, BRAZIL.

Business Section Burned With Loss of About \$1,000,000.

Bahia, Brazil, March 16.—A great conflagration has visited the business section of this city.

Thirty-three buildings were consumed with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Bahia is the principal commercial city of Brazil after Rio Janeiro. It exports larger quantities of sugar, cotton, tobacco, coffee, oranges, rum and hides. It is situated about eight hundred miles northeast of Rio Janeiro, and has a population somewhat in excess of 200,000.